

## House Resolution No. 3081

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their philanthropic and service accomplishments; and

**Whereas**, Mark White of Lee's Summit, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as an environmental, risk, and safety manager for the Lee's Summit R-7 School District; and

**Whereas**, when not actively engaged in his chosen field of endeavor, Mark White contributes an exceptional amount of time and effort to bringing about the creation of a Playgrounds of Peace organization dedicated to building playgrounds at orphanages across the globe; and

**Whereas**, an active member of Lee's Summit Community Church, Mark White became involved in building playgrounds after he traveled to Poland to teach English to high school and college students; and

**Whereas**, after that trip, Mark White returned to Poland to photograph playgrounds for the National Program for Playground Safety, which ultimately led to his adoption of two orphans, a girl named Ania, and her brother, David; and

**Whereas**, Mark White believes that children with adequate playgrounds are less likely to engage in risky behavior and more likely to socialize and live in peace with other children of different backgrounds and cultures; and

**Whereas**, at the time of the two adoptions, Mark White and his beloved wife, Nancy, were "empty nesters" whose biological children, Megan and Andrew, were grown and either attending college or already in the workplace; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative actions in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri citizens as Mark White:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional achievements garnered thus far in life by Mark White and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his efforts to establish the Playgrounds of Peace (POP) organization to build playgrounds at orphanages around the world; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Mark White of Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jeff Grisamore  
District No. 47

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3081, adopted May 14, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker